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## Bosnia-Herzegovina

### Trade Policy Monitoring

### Requirements for Animal and Animal Product Export Facilities

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**Report Highlights:**

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is enforcing new requirements for foreign facilities that export live animals and animal origin food products to the country. The export facilities must be approved for export to the European Union or come from countries that have equal or better veterinary practices than BiH. The U.S. veterinary practices are recognized as being better than BiH's.

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Although the national level Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) veterinary law was adopted in November 2002, the new requirements for facilities that export animals and animal origin products to BiH came into enforcement just recently. According to this new law, only foreign facilities that are approved/registered for export to the European Union can export to BiH (BiH Official Gazette 34/02, article 26). Exporting facilities also have to register with the BiH State Veterinary Administration (SVA). Other exporting facilities can export to BiH if SVA determines that the exporting country's regulations, standards, veterinary control and consumer protection are at the same level or better than BiH's. In addition, the SVA will conduct inspections of exporting facilities if needed with the costs being born by the importers. Live animal imports are allowed if they are in accordance to animal health protection and animal welfare regulations.

For U.S. exporting facilities, the SVA recognizes the U.S. as a country with better veterinary practices. American exporting facilities need to register with SVA (first time only) at:

State Veterinary Administration  
Radiceva 8/II  
7100 Sarajevo  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Tel. +387 33 258 840  
Fax +387 33 265 620  
E-mail: info@vet.gov.ba

The SVA requires information on the company and based on the provided documentation, the facility will be registered and approved for further exports to BiH. For more detailed instructions on imports of live animals and animal products, please see FAIRS report # BK3008 available at: [http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/attache\\_lout.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/attache_lout.asp).

At present, the BiH is developing bilateral agreements on veterinary cooperation with Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, FYR Macedonia and Turkey. The agreements are based on FTAs concluded earlier. According to these agreements, the countries will exchange lists of facilities that are registered for export and that fulfill existing veterinary and sanitary requirements. The facilities on the list will either be accepted or required to undergo an inspection.

BiH exporters of animal products hope that this will create some order in trade relations with their neighbors. Often, BiH shipments with animal products were blocked at borders or rejected for different reasons from neighboring countries.